(c) Excise duty rates are as follows:—

Heading or sub-heading No.	Item	Rate
21.05	Ice-creams	10%
1704.90	Sugar confectionary	10%
1905.11	Biscuits manufactured with the aid of power	10%
1905.19	Other Biscuits	Nil
1704.10	Chewing gums	20%
1803.00	Chocolates	20%
2202.90	Fruit pulp based drinks	Nil
09.01 and 09.02	Tea and coffee	Nil

(d) There is no fixed duty rate for consumer products. Goods specified in (c) above also attract different rates of excise duty.

Delay in Commissioning Broadcast Programme for Koddai Kanal

2071. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the F.M. Radio Transmitter building duly installed with technical equipment at Koddai Kanal was ready four years back and kept idle;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for an inordinate delay to commission the broadcast programme;

(c) when this is expected to be commissioned;

(d) whether the Ministry will fix up responsibility for this delay and action will be taken against the responsible officers; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therfor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) The FM Transmitter which has been co-sited with Doordarshan High Power TV Transmitter is technically ready since Sept., 1992.

(b) The commissioning of the project has been delayed due to delay in construction of studio on account of problems in finding a suitable site, re-inviting of tenders etc.

(c) The Station is likely to be commissioned by March, 1996, subject to availability of staff sanction and infrastructural facilities.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Pending proposals for private HYDEL Power Projects

2072. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several hydel power projects through private participation to be set up in different States and Territories are lying pending for want of approval;

(b) if so, the names of such projects States and Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to take steps to get these projects cleared early; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the following three hydro electric projects to be set up in the Private Sector are under examination by

the Central Electricity Authority (CEA):

Sl. No.	Name of the Projects	Name of the Company
1.	Vishnuprayag HEP (4×100 MW) Uttar Pradesh.	M/s. Jaiprakash Industries Limited.
2.	Malana HEP (2×43 MW) Himachal Pradesh	M/s. Rajasthan Spinning and Weaving Mills Ltd.
3.	Karbi Langpi (2×50 MW) Assam.	Bharat Hydro Power Corporation Limited.

These projects are being examined expeditiously by the CEA and would be considered for techno-economic clearance as soon as all the required clearance/ inputs are tied up for these projects.

Training Centres of NIFT

2073. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of presently functioning Training Centres of National Institute of Fashion Technology;

(b) how many more such Centres are proposed to be set up in near future;

(c) whether Government would consider favourably the setting up of such a Centre at Coimbatore, being a textile city;

(d) what are the salient features of this technology and its future prospects; and

(e) what steps are being taken to make use of textile boom?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) At present, five National Institutes of Fashion Technology (NIFTs) are functioning at Delhi, Gandhinagar, Madras, Calcutta and Hyderabad.

(b) Govt. is opening such a centre at Bombay shortly.

(c) At present there is no proposal for setting up of such a centre at Coimbatore.

(c) NIFT imparts training in Design, Management and Technology to meet the training and personnel needs of Garment Sector. NIFT as an Institution will fulfil the objectives of the technical manpower required for the garment industry.

(e) Government has been taking a number of steps to enhance the competitive ability of our textile and clothing industry so as to enable it to take fuller advantage of increased export opportunities under the quota free regime. The steps taken in this regard include enabling import of capital goods at concessional duty for export production; special arrangements for duty-free import of raw materials for export production; ensuring increased availability of export credit, organising seminars/meetings on ISO:9000 Quality System Standards, encouraging exporters to participate in buyer-seller meets, fairs and exhibitions etc.

Power Projects in Andhra Pradesh

2074. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC at the request of Andhra Pradesh Government has agreed to set up 1000 MW Visakhapatnam II power plant and 600 MW Metro station near Hyderabad;

(b) if so, whether the power from these stations is to be distributed to all the States in Southern region;